

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Big Rapids 49307



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**Ferris State University** provides career-oriented education that produces graduates who are immediately employable in their chosen fields. The University offers more than 170 academic programs through its Colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Services, Pharmacy, Technology, the Michigan College of Optometry, Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Technological and Professional Studies.

Ferris offers **doctorates in optometry and pharmacy**, and master's degrees in information systems management, career and technical education, criminal justice, business administration, education and nursing. The University offers baccalaureate degrees in allied health, business, liberal arts and a variety of specialized technical fields. Two-year programs produce well-trained graduates in health care, science, industrial specialties, and engineering-related technician posts. In addition, two-year general education and preprofessional courses qualify students for continued study at Ferris or elsewhere.

**University College** offers programs including Honors, Career Exploration, and Directed Studies. Academic assistance is provided through Educational and Career Counseling, and Academic Support Center, a special-needs counselor, Structured Learning Assistance and freshman seminars.

The **main campus** is located in Big Rapids, a city of approximately 12,000. Of more than 90 buildings on campus, only one structure pre-dates a 1950 fire. More than 10,500 students attend classes on the university's 880-acre campus; more than 1,800 attend classes in Grand Rapids and other sites across the state. The Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE) opened in 2001 and provides students with state-of-the-art information technology in addition to the resources of a traditional library. In 2004, Ferris dedicated the Granger Center for Construction Technology and HVACR, a building featuring multiple visible heating and cooling systems, including geothermal, designed to provide real-world learning opportunities.

The **Applied Technology Center (ATC)** in Grand Rapids, a joint venture with Grand Rapids Community College, houses undergraduate programs and extensive business and career-building education. The ATC of FSU – Grand Rapids is a part of Ferris' substantial presence in downtown Grand Rapids, which also includes Kendall College of Art and Design.

The University is named after its founder, **Woodbridge N. Ferris** (1853-1928), a distinguished Michigan politician and educator, who served two terms as the state's governor and was elected to the United States Senate. Established in 1884 as the Big Rapids Industrial School, the name was soon changed to Ferris Industrial School and then, in 1899, to Ferris Institute. The school's name was changed to Ferris State College in 1963, and to Ferris State University in 1987. W.N. Ferris operated the school as a privately owned institution. In 1931, a group of Big Rapids businessmen assumed operation as a nonprofit corporation until 1949, when the school was given to the State of Michigan. The school became a state institution on July 1, 1950.

<b><i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i></b>	<b><i>2004</i></b>	<b><i>2005</i></b>	<b><i>2006</i></b>
On-campus .....	10,211	10,666	10,568
Off-campus .....	1,592	1,881	2,010

## **STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

<b><i>Operating Revenues (all funds)</i></b>	<b><i>2004-2005</i></b>	<b><i>2005-2006</i></b>
State Appropriations — Operating .....	\$ 50,080,910	\$ 49,020,809
State Appropriations — Capital Projects .....	566,107	127,395
Student Fees .....	71,067,951	80,594,702
Gifts, Grants, and Federal Contracts .....	19,639,228	19,194,722
Other Income .....	41,499,275	45,201,922
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$182,853,471</b>	<b>\$194,139,550</b>
 <b><i>Operating Expenditures (all funds)</i></b>		
Instruction and Departmental Research .....	\$ 62,646,859	\$ 64,910,920
Organized Research/Grant Research .....	375,262	383,149
Public Service .....	1,435,805	3,305,331
Student Services and Student Aid .....	21,420,374	21,222,867
Other Expenditures .....	88,360,200	93,726,923
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$174,238,500</b>	<b>\$183,549,190</b>